

1609

Netherlands: Dutch & Spaniards
make 12 yrs' truce.

Aug 1609

Galileo Galilei exhibited his own
spy glass, to the Venetian senate whose
members looked through it from the
tower of St. Mark's. That instrument
magnified 9 times. Galileo sold it to
the senate on the ground that it would
be invaluable in war. The enemy's ships
could be sighted 2 hours sooner than by
eye. Galileo then attended to the work
of improving the telescope.

Twelve - year cease fire Agreed between Spain & the United Provinces; opposed by Maurice of Nassau (Captain - general and stadholder), but successfully negotiated by Johan van OLDEWBAEN-EVELT, leader of the states-general. War began again in 1621 when neither side would renew the truce.

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Galileo began using his
telescope

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The Dutch East India Co. fitted
out a ship for Hudson, called
the HALF MOON.

With both Dutch & English
sailors, he set out in 1609
He found the Hudson River

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Hudson discovered the
Hudson River

Autumn 1609

Galileo first saw the moon,
which fascinated him.

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Philip III (1598-1621) made
with the United Provinces
a truce for eleven years.
The Dutch became a sovereign
state, free of Spain.

1609-1610

Starving times at Jamestown
They ate cats, dogs, horses, rats
and snakes (The bones are still there)
even poisonous snakes

Most people died of famine. Others
suffered "swellings" and "burning fever."

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'Starving Time' of 1609-1610 at
James Fort, Virginia. More than two-thirds
of the 215 colonists perished from
hunger, disease & Indian attacks.
80% of the settlers of early Jamestown
sent between 1607 and 1615 died
during that period.
of the 6,000 settlers the London-based
Virginia Co. sent to Jamestown between

1607 \$1625, 4800 died

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Forces from SATSUMA, a Japanese
feudal domain in southern
KYŪSHŪ invaded the RYUKYU
Islands (Okinawa) and took
the king hostage.

In 1611 Satsuma demanded its own
annual tribute, including some
75,000 bushels of rice and 19,000
rolls of ramie cloth! ea. roll was

about 13 yards long & 16 inches wide)
(enough to make one kimono)

The Algonquin tribes about Quebec were friendly to the French from the beginning and they soon adopted Catholicism. The Hurons to the west were less easily converted, but they were grateful because the French soldiers helped them against their foes, the Iroquois and many of them accepted Christianity. Unfortunately

for the French, their aid to the Hurons, brought
in them the deadly hatred of the powerful
Iroquois Confederation, the most warlike
& best organized association of the Indians
in eastern North America. The hostility of
the Iroquois to the French protected the Dutch,
and later the English settlers from French
invasion.